Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for retrieving a property of a media file being played via a media player, comprising:

retrieving the media file from one of a plurality of media file sources;

prioritizing the plurality of media file sources for retrieving the property of the media file based on business rules according to Digital Rights Management (DRM) of the media file, said business rules indicating a predefined priority based on at least compatibility and importance of the media file sources, wherein the plurality of media file sources includes at least one of the following: an advanced stream redirector (ASX) source, a server-side playlist source, a media library source, a file header source, a digital rights management (DRM) source, and a basic metadata source;

identifying a predefined order of the retrieved media file based on the predefined priority, said identified order indicating a predefined sequence as to which source has priority over another source and to avoid more time consuming media file sources;

querying each of the prioritized plurality of media file sources in an order of sequence according to the identified order predefined priority to identify a source of the media file, said identified source of the media file including metadata associated therewith; and

displaying the property as defined by the associated metadata of the identified source of the media file as the media file is being played via the media player.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further comprising retrieving the property defined by the metadata of the identified source of the media file when the identified source defines the property, and retrieving the property defined by the source having the highest priority below the identified source of the media file when the identified source does not define the property.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method of claim 2, wherein querying includes querying each of the prioritized plurality of media file sources according to their priority to identify a property for the media file defined by the metadata of the source of the media file, and wherein retrieving

includes retrieving the property as defined by the metadata of a first source in the prioritized plurality of media file sources including the metadata defining the property.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3, wherein each media file source corresponds to a metadata source, and wherein querying includes querying each of the metadata sources to identify the property for the media file.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method of claim 4, wherein the priority for querying each of the metadata sources is determined according to a predetermined importance assigned to each of the plurality of metadata sources, wherein the metadata source deemed most important is queried first, and wherein the metadata source deemed least important is queried last, wherein the metadata source deemed least important provides a basic metadata or a default metadata.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 5, wherein querying includes issuing a chain of calls to each metadata source, wherein a first call is to the metadata source deemed most important, and wherein a subsequent call is to the metadata source deemed the next most important, and wherein a last call is to the metadata source deemed the least important.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6, wherein the property to be displayed determines the metadata source from which to retrieve the property.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving includes retrieving metadata from the metadata source that returns the property in the least amount of time.

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended): A computer readable storage medium having computer executable instructions for retrieving a property of a media file being played via a media player, wherein the media file is retrieved from one of a plurality of media file sources, comprising:

determining instructions for determining a priority of the plurality of media file sources for retrieving the property of the media file based on business rules according to Digital Rights

Management (DRM) of the media file, said business rules indicating a predefined priority based on at least compatibility and importance of the media file sources, wherein the plurality of media file sources includes at least one of the following: an advanced stream redirector (ASX) source, a server-side playlist source, a media library source, a file header source, a digital rights management (DRM) source, and a basic metadata source;

identifying instructions for identifying a predefined order of the retrieved media file based on the predefined priority, said identified order indicating a predefined sequence as to which source has priority over another source and to avoid more time consuming media file sources;

querying instructions for querying each of the prioritized plurality of media file sources according to the identified order predefined priority to identify a source of the media file; and

retrieving instructions for retrieving the property as defined by metadata of the identified source of the media file, wherein the retrieved property is provided to the media player for display to a user.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The computer readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein retrieving includes retrieving the property defined by the identified source of the media file when the identified source defines the property, and wherein retrieving instructions include retrieving the property defined by the source having the highest priority below the identified source of the media file when the identified source does not define the property.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The computer readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the querying instructions include instructions for querying each of the prioritized plurality of media file sources according to their priority to identify a property for the media file defined by the metadata of the source of the media file, and wherein retrieving instructions retrieve the property as defined by the metadata of a first source in the prioritized plurality of media file sources including the metadata defining the property.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The computer readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein each media file source corresponds to a metadata source, and wherein querying includes querying each of the metadata sources to identify the property for the media file.

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Claim 14 (previously presented): The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein the priority for querying each of the metadata sources is determined according to a predetermined importance assigned to each of the plurality of metadata sources, wherein the metadata source deemed most important is queried first, and wherein the metadata source deemed least important is queried last, wherein the metadata source deemed least important provides a basic metadata or a default metadata.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The computer readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein querying instructions issue a chain of calls to each metadata source, wherein a first call is to the metadata source deemed most important, and wherein a subsequent call is to the metadata source deemed the next most important, and wherein a last call is to the metadata source deemed the least important.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The computer readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein retrieving instructions determine the metadata source from which to retrieve the property as a function of the property to be displayed.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The computer readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein retrieving instructions retrieve metadata from the metadata source that returns the property in the least amount of time.

Claims 18-22 (canceled).